

HONORING JOHN H. WELSH ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Welsh, who will retire this year after four decades of service in hospital administration. Since obtaining his Master of Health Administration from the University of Missouri in 1971, John has been committed to ensuring the strength of the health institutions he has worked at and to providing the highest level quality of care for patients.

John has most recently served as the President of Rumford Hospital in Rumford, Maine. Rumford is a small mill town of just under 5,000. Under John's leadership, Rumford Hospital has provided top quality health care and other services to the residents of Rumford and beyond.

The Rumford Hospital is a vital part of the community. Not only does the hospital provide quality healthcare to Rumford and many of the surrounding rural towns, but it also is the leading job creator for the area. Under John's leadership, the Rumford Hospital has been able to offer many services that had formerly been unavailable to the citizens of the region. These services include LifeFlight Helicopter service and an Oncology Suite.

Recently, Rumford Hospital named their new building in honor of John as thanks for his many years of service. The building includes a new operating room and nursing unit with up-to-date equipment and furnishings. It is incredibly important for the rural communities of the Rumford area to know that they have access to quality care so close to home. This assurance would not be possible without John Welsh.

John has also gone beyond his work at Rumford Hospital and played an important role in the State's health care system. John's many contributions include serving as Chairman of the Maine Hospital Association Board and as the Maine American College of Health Care Executives Regent.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking John Welsh for his tremendous contributions and service to the people of Rumford and the State of Maine.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD F. COYNE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Richard F. Coyne to acknowledge his receipt of the Walks of Life Award from the Irish American Archive Society.

Richard is a valuable asset to the Cleveland community. Without him, Cleveland would not have one its most prestigious landmarks: the Great Lakes Science Center. Richard was chosen specifically to spearhead the construction of the Science Center twenty years ago. As a result of his know-how and expertise, the project was completed both on time and under budget. The Great Lakes Science Center is

one of the largest interactive science museums in the country.

Now retired from management duties at the Science Center, Richard continues to assist and advise other enterprises. He is an active member of the leadership board at the Cleveland Clinic's Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute and has been chairman of the endowment board at St. Ann Catholic Church.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Cleveland, Ohio is blessed to have such an honorable and hardworking man as a member of its community. His dedication has vastly improved Cleveland and the city will forever be in Richard's debt.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, during consideration of H.R. 1, I voted "yea" on rollcall No. 101 when it was my intent to vote "nay." I am writing to request that this position be noted in the RECORD.

In addition, I wish the RECORD to reflect that I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 81.

KHOJALY TRAGEDY

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a tragedy that occurred 19 years ago in Azerbaijan.

Between February 25–26, 1992, hundreds of innocent civilians were killed in what's known as the Khojaly Tragedy. During this tragedy, "... it is widely accepted that 200 Azeris were murdered, as many as 500–1,000 may have died," according to a report released by Human Rights Watch in 1993.

Azerbaijan is a strong ally of the U.S., especially during this time of uncertainty in the Middle East. We grieve with its people as we remember the victims of the Khojaly Tragedy.

64TH COMMEMORATION OF TAIWAN'S "2-28" MASSACRE

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe the 64th commemoration of Taiwan's "2-28" Massacre. The massacre was an anti-government uprising in Taiwan that began on February 28, 1947 and was violently suppressed by the Chinese Nationalist government over the following weeks. Estimates of the number of deaths vary from ten thousand to thirty thousand.

The massacre began when Taiwanese citizens confronted Chinese Nationalist troops that had beaten and arrested an elderly woman. In the weeks that followed, the Republic of China sent soldiers to capture and

execute unarmed civilians—innocent doctors, lawyers, and students that were guilty of only wanting a more free and independent government. Over the following four decades, the Chinese Nationalists continued to rule Taiwan with an iron fist under Martial Law that was not lifted until 1987.

However, through this daunting experience, a bigger and brighter Taiwan is beginning to emerge. In the over half-century since these events, we have seen a Taiwan that struggled for independence under an authoritarian regime, now have a thriving and pluralistic democracy. While they are still fighting for sovereignty from China, since 2000 the Taiwanese have made strides to control their own destiny, and have transitioned between ruling parties based on the will of its citizens on multiple occasions.

Mr. Speaker, I urge other Members to join me today in commemorating this important historical event.

HONORING DETECTIVE ROGER CASTILLO

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart as I mourn the loss of Detective Roger Castillo, an officer with the Miami-Dade Police. Detective Castillo was a patriot dedicated to upholding and defending the rule of law. He was a man of great courage, conviction, and passion who lived a wonderfully fulfilling life surrounded by a loving family, close friends and admiring colleagues.

Detective Castillo was born on September 29, 1969 in Miami Beach, Florida. He graduated from Southwest High School in 1987 and began his law enforcement career with the Miami-Dade Police Department as a Public Service Aide in 1989. In 1992, he graduated from the police academy and was assigned to the North Operations Division serving the Miami Lakes and Northside Districts. In 1995, Detective Castillo was assigned to the Police Operations Bureau (POB). After a short time in POB, he joined the Court Services Bureau until his transfer to the Warrants Bureau, Felony Apprehension Unit in 2004.

In an effort to keep our community safe, in 2007, Detective Castillo transferred to the Strategic and Specialized Investigations Bureau, Career Criminal Section. He always displayed a positive attitude towards the Miami-Dade Police Department and a level of professionalism like no other.

I mourn alongside the loving family of Detective Castillo, and honor his wife Debbie and children Anthony, Michael, and Bryan. During this difficult time, we will pray for the well-being of the Castillo family.

Detective Castillo's death does not represent an end to his legacy, for his spirit and good deeds live on. His colleagues, friends, and family cherish his legacy as a brave defender of our community.